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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2625

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Hiroshi NOBUTA, et al. ) : Examiner: James A. Thompson  
Application No.: 08/579,733 ) : Group Art Unit: 2625  
Filed: December 28, 1995 ) : Confirmation No.: 4611  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING ) :  
DEVICE AND METHOD : March 22, 2007

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the final Official Action dated January 24, 2007, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: